

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

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ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT
GROUP INC., a Delaware corporation;
SONY BMG MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT, a Delaware general
partnership; WARNER BROS.
RECORDS INC., a Delaware
corporation; CAPITOL RECORDS,
INC., a Delaware corporation; UMG
RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware
corporation; and ARISTA RECORDS
LLC, a Delaware limited liability
company,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOHN DOE,

Defendant.

Case No.:

A04CA 823SS

COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).

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3. Venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and/or 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a). Although the true identity of Defendant is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, on information and belief, Defendant may be found in this District and/or a substantial part of the acts of infringement complained of herein occurred in this District. On information and belief, personal jurisdiction in this District is proper because Defendant, without consent or permission of the copyright owner, disseminated over the Internet copyrighted works owned and/or controlled by the Plaintiffs. On information and belief, such illegal dissemination occurred in every jurisdiction in the United States, including this one. In addition, Defendant contracted with an Internet Service Provider ("ISP") found in this District to provide Defendant with the access to the Internet which facilitated Defendant's infringing activities.

PARTIES

4. Plaintiff Elektra Entertainment Group Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

5. Plaintiff Sony BMG Music Entertainment is a Delaware general partnership, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

6. Plaintiff Warner Bros. Records Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

7. Plaintiff Capitol Records, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

8. Plaintiff UMG Recordings, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

9. Plaintiff Arista Records LLC is a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

10. The true name and capacity of Defendant is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. Defendant is known to Plaintiffs only by the Internet Protocol ("IP") address assigned to him or her by his or her ISP on the date and time at which the infringing activity of Defendant was observed (IP address/date/time: 64.123.69.67 2004-06-10 03:33:39 (EDT)). Plaintiffs believe that information obtained in discovery will lead to the identification of Defendant's true name.

COUNT I

INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS

11. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.

12. Plaintiffs are, and at all relevant times have been, the copyright owners or licensees of exclusive rights under United States copyright with respect to certain copyrighted

sound recordings (the "Copyrighted Recordings"). The Copyrighted Recordings include but are not limited to each of the copyrighted sound recordings identified in Exhibit A attached hereto, each of which is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights. In addition to the sound recordings listed on Exhibit A, Copyrighted Recordings also include certain of the sound recordings listed on Exhibit B which are owned by or exclusively licensed to one or more of the Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' affiliate record labels, and which are subject to valid Certificates of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights.

13. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the exclusive rights to reproduce the Copyrighted Recordings and to distribute the Copyrighted Recordings to the public.

14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, has used, and continues to use, an online media distribution system to download, distribute to the public, and/or make available for distribution to others, certain of the Copyrighted Recordings. Exhibit A identifies a list of copyrighted recordings that Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, downloaded, distributed to the public, and/or made available for distribution to others. In doing so, Defendant has violated Plaintiffs' exclusive rights of reproduction and distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive rights under copyright.

15. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the foregoing acts of infringement have been willful, intentional, and in disregard of and with indifference to the rights of Plaintiffs.

16. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) against Defendant for each infringement by the Defendant of each copyrighted recording. Plaintiffs further are entitled to their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

17. The conduct of each Defendant is causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, will continue to cause Plaintiffs great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or measured in money. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502 and 503, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting each Defendant from further infringing Plaintiffs' copyrights, and ordering that each Defendant destroy all copies of copyrighted sound recordings made in violation of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

1. For an injunction providing:

"Defendant shall be and hereby is enjoined from directly or indirectly infringing Plaintiffs' rights under federal or state law in the Copyrighted Recordings and any sound recording, whether now in existence or later created, that is owned or controlled by Plaintiffs (or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate record label of Plaintiffs) ("Plaintiffs' Recordings"), including without limitation by using the Internet or any online media distribution system to reproduce (*i.e.*, download) any of Plaintiffs' Recordings, to distribute (*i.e.*, upload)

any of Plaintiffs' Recordings, or to make any of Plaintiffs' Recordings available for distribution to the public, except pursuant to a lawful license or with the express authority of Plaintiffs. Defendant also shall destroy all copies of Plaintiffs' Recordings that Defendant has downloaded onto any computer hard drive or server without Plaintiffs' authorization and shall destroy all copies of those downloaded recordings transferred onto any physical medium or device in Defendant's possession, custody, or control."

2. For statutory damages for each infringement of each Copyrighted Recording pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504.

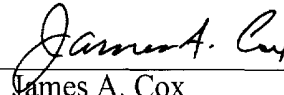
3. For Plaintiffs' costs in this action.

4. For Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein.

5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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